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INTRODUCTION

This report presents comparable annual statistics on local exchange telecommunication companies. The statistics presented herein include schedules covering operations for Class A local exchange telecommunications companies (gross operating revenue exceeding $100,000) and Class B local exchange telecommunications companies ($100,000 or less).

The statistics presented in this report are from the company annual reports submitted to the Commission every year as part of the regulatory activities.

The telecommunication companies have started reporting access revenue and expenses from the year 1984. This should be considered while comparing the various revenue statistics.

Table I presents the source and distribution of revenue generated in the Washington State Operations only (not on a total company basis). Net Operating Income, after expenses and taxes are paid, forms about 18-20 percent of the revenue generated in Washington State.

Charts I and II reflect the distribution of revenue both in dollars and relative terms.

Of all the telecommunication companies providing local telecommunication services, the following six companies account for 98 percent of the revenue generated in the state.

MAJOR REVENUE GENERATING TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES

(Washington State Operations)

	OPERATING REVENUE 1985 ($ million)	1984 ($ Million)
Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company	1,014.7	979.1
General Telephone Company of the Northwest, Inc.	338.3	307.2
Telephone Utilities of Washington, Inc.	46.1	43.5
Continental Telephone Company of the Northwest, Inc.	43.8	42.7
United Telephone Company of the Northwest	40.7	40.2
Ellensburg Telephone Company	8.7	8.8
Total Major Companies	1,492.3	1,421.5
Total Washington State Revenue	1,523.4	1,451.9

Detailed summary Tables II through VI describe the financial statements at the total company and state level of operations. Individual companies tables are given in Appendix.

CAUTIONARY NOTE

As in any attempt to develop continuous and comparable time series data, one of the main problems is to ensure comparability of various data elements. Though comparability is certain at broad group levels, the individual data elements that are added due to changes in accounting systems pose a continuous problem for comparison over time. For instance, in the table, "Net Operating Income and Plant Statistics" access revenues and expenses first appear in 1984. Company mergers cause difficulties with comparability as well. For example, in 1984 Prescott Telephone Company merged with Inland Telephone Company. In order to ensure comparability over time, both companies' data are summed and presented for all years as Inland Telephone Company. Such problems are under investigation and changes and improvements are incorporated as and when they become appropriate.

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